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for the Year 1965

KINGSBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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KINGSBRIDGE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1965

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to present the Report on the health of the district for the year 1965.

The area is mainly agricultural, although on the coast many of the inhabitants are employed in seafaring pursuits. The beauty of the whole area, coast and inland, attracts many visitors throughout the year, the largest number, naturally, being during the summer months. Catering for these visitors is one of the main sources of livelihood for many residents of the district. There are, situated geographically within the district, the Urban Districts of Kingsbridge and Salcombe.

PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

The personal health services are provided by various bodies, by far the greater part being under the control of the Regional Hospital Board, Devon County Council and the Local Executive Council. The environmental health services are controlled by the District Council.

The Public Health Laboratory Service has a laboratory in Plymouth for the investigation of communicable diseases and the examination of milk, water, ice cream, foodstuffs, etc.

The Devon County Health Handbook gives details of the health and allied social services in the County of Devon. Much of its information refers to the County as a whole, but there are details of the various services provided in this district.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There were again this year only a few of the infectious diseases of childhood.

There were no cases of food poisoning.

WATER SUPPLY.

Water is supplied by the South West Devon Water Board. The sources remain the same being chiefly for this district from the Avon Reservoir, with additional water on occasion from the Ranney Works on the River Dart.

The water is treated by flocculation and filtration. It is chlorinated and the pH is adjusted. The quality is of a high standard and it is adequate in quantity for the needs of the district.

Copies of reports of all samples taken by the Board are forwarded to this department. We are grateful for all the information passed to us by the Board.

Samples of water are taken in schools by the County Public Health Department. Copies of these reports are received.

There are a number of small private supplies. Inspection of these and sampling of the water is carried out as necessary.

The amount of fluoride present naturally is negligible.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

A convenience at Malborough is shortly to be started. It is possible that others may be required at Wonwell, Soar Mill and Lannacombe, but they are not yet planned.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

This continues but is not yet as complete as one would wish.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

R. B. WALKER,

Medical Officer of Health.

October, 1966.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1965

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Herewith I submit my report on the work of the Public Health Department during the year ended 31st December, 1965.

SEWERAGE.

CHALLABOROUGH. Due to a public health nuisance arising, active consideration has had to be given to the sewering of Challaborough, and the consultants are now in the process of gathering together the relevant details.

FROGMORE. A scheme is being prepared for Frogmore Stage II, and work should commence in the latter half of 1966.

LODDISWELL. The consultants have prepared a scheme for the re-sewering of part of the village and the reconstruction of the disposal works, but work is not yet in hand.

SOUTH POOL. Work on the South Pool/Frogmore Stage I scheme is well in hand and the schedule of progress is being well maintained.

BIGBURY-ON-SEA. Work was carried out late in the year on the securing of the piers to the sea outfall at Bigbury-on-Sea.

OTHER SCHEMES. Other works or improvements will have to be considered at some time in respect of Stoke Fleming, Strete, Modbury and other villages where conditions are unsatisfactory.

MAINTENANCE. Maintenance continues by means of two mobile gangs. Due to the new sewerage schemes at South Pool, Frogmore Pumping Station and other works envisaged, reorganisation will have to be considered in respect of work schedules to provide adequate cover for the district.

HOUSING.

Work has continued in dealing with unfit houses, the numbers represented being similar to last year. Every endeavour has been made to assist owners to render closed properties fit for human habitation.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS.

Approvals of discretionary grants were only half those of last year whilst the approvals for standard grants were almost twice that of last year. This will inevitably lead to less formal action in future to deal with unfit houses.

MEAT INSPECTION.

The numbers of carcasses inspected during the year was very nearly the same as the previous year. The amount of meat condemned was considerably less.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

Steady progress has been maintained in improving the standards of sites throughout the district, and the improvement programme on a number of sites has been completed.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Weekly collection of refuse was continued during the year occasionally with some difficulty. The time when some of the smaller tips will have to be closed is rapidly approaching. Consideration will have to be given with regard to the best and most economical means to be adopted for the collection and transport of refuse to the point of disposal.

LITTER.

With the advent of the use of paper sacks and slatted covers for bin containers the efficiency of our litter collection has improved and the containers are more sightly. Thrice weekly collections of litter have been made from the principal beaches throughout the summer months.

GENERAL ADMINISTRATION.

The number of inspections carried out during the year was rather more than the previous year, although in this widespread rural area is no direct reflection of work done.

Office administration runs smoothly without complaint.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

D. J. COLE,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

October, 1966.

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APPENDIX

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area - 70,818 acres.
Population - 11,690 (estimated.)
Rateable Value - £333,083
Sum represented by a Penny Rate - £1317.5892

VITAL STATISTICS

	LIVE BIRTHS			Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population.
	Total	Males	Females	
Legitimate	172	86	86	15.73
Illegitimate	12	8	4	
	184	94	90	Illegitimate Live Births per cent. of total live births. 6.52
				Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.
Still Births	4	2	2	21.28
Total live and still births	188	96	92	

INFANT DEATHS (DEATHS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE).

	Total	Males	Females
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	2	2	-
	2	2	-

INFANT MORTALITY RATES

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	10.86
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	-
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	166.6
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births)	5.43
Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	5.43
Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births)	27.15

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total live and still births
Maternal Mortality (including abortion)	2	10.63

	Total	Males	Females.	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated population.
DEATHS	172	89	83	14.71

CAUSES OF DEATH

		Male.	Female.
1.	Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	1	-
2.	Other forms of Tuberculosis	-	-
3.	Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4.	Diptheria	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-
6.	Meningoccal Infections	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8.	Measles	-	-
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ..	-	-
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	5	1
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ..	3	1
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	3
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	3
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	11	10
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-
16.	Diabetes	-	-
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ..	10	15
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	22	13
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	-
20.	Other Heart Disease	13	8
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	4	4
22.	Influenza	-	-
23.	Pneumonia	3	9
24.	Bronchitis	1	-
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System ..	1	2
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	1	-
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	-	2
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	3
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	2
31.	Congenital Malformations	-	-
32.	Other defined and ill-defined Diseases ..	7	5
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1
34.	All other Accidents	3	-
35.	Suicide	1	1
36.	Homicide and Operations of War	-	-
		89	83

INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Whooping Cough	11
Measles	13
Scarlet Fever	4
Total ..	28

TUBERCULOSIS
NOTIFICATIONS AND DEATHS IN DISTRICT DURING 1965

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.	
Age Periods.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 years	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
25 - 34 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 - 44 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 54 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 - 64 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948
NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951.

REMOVAL OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION

During the course of the year it was necessary under the provisions of the above-mentioned Acts to remove to a County Welfare Establishment for aged persons, one person.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

LICENSED SITES AND CARAVANS.

No. of Sites.	No. of Caravans licensed.	Licensed Individual Caravans
31	1181	15

8 sites, each with a maximum of five caravans, are exempt by virtue of membership of the Caravan Club.

In addition there are two other mobile caravan sites run by the Caravan and Camping Clubs.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

Collection and Disposal of Refuse	124
Litter Act	49
Sewerage and Sewage Disposal	399
Visits in connection with complaints	56
Infectious Disease	5
Inspections of Caravan Sites	70
Houses inspected under Public Health and Housing Acts	404
Pests	1
Food Premises (Shops, Dairies, Hotels, etc.)	49
Public Conveniences	3
Rodent Control	33
Ice Cream Samples	23
Water Samples	24
Improvement Grants	239
Wrecks of the Sea	2
Slaughter of Animals Act	4
Petroleum Regulations	14
Dangerous Buildings	19
Drainage	93
Miscellaneous	78
Water Supplies	13
Food Inspection	6
Rent Act	-
Waste Food Order	10
Factories	9
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	62
Animal Boarding Establishment Act	-
Streams and Watercourses	17
Total	1806

MEAT INSPECTION

During the year 360 visits were made to slaughterhouses.

The following carcases were inspected:

Cows	18
Heifers	80
Steers	137
Calves	71
Sheep	1659
Pigs	238
Total ..	2203

The total weight of meat condemned was 1 ton 6 cwts. 2 qr. 6 lbs.

Diseased meat, etc. is collected by arrangement and converted into glues and fertilisers.

The income from meat inspection charges amounted to £82.9.3d.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR IN PART

	Cattle exc. Cows.	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	217	18	71	1659	238	-
Number inspected	217	18	71	1659	238	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:						
Whole carcases condemned ..	1	3	2	12	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	46	14	5	50	10	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci ..	21.61	94.44	9.85	3.73	4.62	-
Tuberculosis only:						
Whole carcases condemned ..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part of organ was condemned ..	-	-	-	-	3	-
Percentage of the number inspected and affected with tuberculosis ..	-	-	-	-	1.26	-
Cysticercosis:						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	4	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	4	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned ..	-	-	-	-	-	-

OTHER FOODS

The following table indicates the number of food premises in the area, by type of business:

Bakehouses	6
Butchers' Shops	12
Fishmongers and Fryers	1
Ice Cream - Retailers	83
General Stores	63
Dairies	3
Restaurants and Cafes	23
Hotels, etc.	63
Inns	41
Sweet Confectioners	8

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955:

Sale of Ice Cream	83
Manufacture of Preserved Food ..	10
Amount of food condemned during the year	14 lbs. 11 oz.
Number of new registrations under Section 16	8

ICE CREAM SAMPLING:

Grade 1	2
Grade 2	7
Grade 3	2
Grade 4	4

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	No. in Register. (2)	Inspections. (3)	Number of Written Notices (4)	Occupier Prose-cuted. (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	3	5	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	27	4	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-worker's premises).	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	30	9	-	-

No defects were found.

There are 2 out-workers.

RODENT CONTROL

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	NON-AGRICULTURAL				AGRICULTURAL.
	Local Authy	Dwellg Hses (inc. Cncl Hses.)	All other (inc. Bus. Prems.)	Total of cols. (1) (2) & (3)	
1. Number of properties in Local Authority's District	36	3489	446	3971	848
2. Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	-	43	17	60	9
(b) Survey under the Act	36	670	80	786	25
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	23	18	41	6
3. Total inspections carried out - includ'g re-inspect'ns	218	1841	138	2197	45
4. Number of properties inspected(in Sec.2) which were found to be infested by:					
(a) Rats - Major	10	3	7	17	2
Minor	12	281	24	317	15
(b) Mice - Major	-	3	3	6	5
Minor	-	30	7	37	2
5. Numbers of infested properties (in Sec.4) treated by the L.A.	36	280	10	326	9
6. Total treatments carried out includ'g re-treatments	439	380	24	843	16
7. Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	-	-	-	-	-
8. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	32				

WATER SUPPLIES

Parish	No. of Habitable Houses.	No. connected to Water Mains.	Estimated Population served.
Aveton Gifford	234	173	484
Bigbury	207	171	479
Blackawton	163	112	313
Buckland-tout-Saints ..	54	35	98
Charleton	127	101	283
Chivelstone	143	109	305
Churchstow	104	56	157
East Allington	145	103	288
East Portlemouth ..	108	77	215
Kingston	118	101	283
Loddiswell	244	182	510
Malborough	278	212	594
Modbury	379	316	885
Ringmore	94	86	241
Sherford	97	61	170
Slapton	162	135	378
South Huish	209	162	454
South Milton	138	118	330
South Pool	105	65	182
Stoke Fleming	305	247	692
Stokenham	551	483	1352
Strete	155	128	358
Thurlestone	300	227	636
West Alvington	186	148	414
Woodleigh	54	33	92
Totals ..	4660	3641	10193

WATER SAMPLES.

Source of Sample.	No. satisfactory.	No. unsatisfactory.	Total.
**South Devon Water Board Mains	287	10	297
Private Supplies	10	21	31
Totals	297	31	328

**These figures include samples of water not in supply to consumers.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, 1965

GRANTS FOR THE CONVERSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING ACCOMMODATION

SECTION 30 HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958.

	Formal applications received	Applications approved		
	Number dwellings.	Number of dwellings		Amount of grant.
(a) Conversions	5	Owner occupied dwellings	3)	£
		Other dwellings	1)	
			)	3429
(b) Improvements	9	Owner occupied dwellings	3)	
		Other dwellings	2)	

STANDARD GRANTS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF DWELLINGS UNDER HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

(a) Applications	Formal applications received.	Applications approved	
	51	Owner occupied dwellings	30
		Other dwellings	14

	No. of dwellings.	Total amount.	Number of amenities provided				
			Bath or shower.	Wash basins.	Hot water.	Water closets.	Food storage.
Grants paid	12	£1866.6.9	11	11	11	8	7

HOUSES DEALT WITH AS INDIVIDUAL UNFIT OR SLUM CLEARANCE AREAS

Represented	22
Confirmed	22
Not confirmed ..	-
Demolished	2
Families re-housed	14
Unfit Houses made fit	10

COUNCIL HOUSE PROPERTY AT 31ST DECEMBER, 1965

	Houses.	Bungalows.	Flats.	Pre-fabs.	Houses Purchased and Re-conditioned.	Totals.
No. of pre-war houses erected	67	2	-	-	-	69
No. of post-war houses erected up to 1964.	438	110	11	30	9	598
No. of houses completed in 1965	3	12	-	-	-	15
Houses in course of construction December, 1965	-	29	10	-	-	39
Totals	508	153	21	30	9	721